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1. The State has implemented a program for the distribution of pediatric vaccines to program-registered providers for the immunization of federally vaccine-eligible children in accordance with section 1928 as indicated below.*

- a. The State program will provide each vaccine-eligible child with medically appropriate vaccines according to the schedule developed by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices and without charge for the vaccines.
- b. The State will outreach and encourage a variety of providers to participate in the program and to administer vaccines in multiple settings, e.g., private health care providers, providers that receive funds under Title V of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act, health programs or facilities operated by Indian tribes, and maintain a list of program-registered providers.**

*Due to the lack of a Federal distribution system, c. the State is only able to distribute vaccine to Office of Public Health (OPH) units enrolled in the VFC Program. OPH is the lead agency for implementation of the Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program.

With respect to any population of vaccine-eligible children a substantial portion of whose parents have limited ability to speak the English language, the State will identify program-registered providers who are able to communicate with this vaccine-eligible population in the language and cultural context which is most appropriate.

**Outreach efforts shall continue with private providers but these will not be activated until the Federal distribution system issue is resolved.

- d. The State will instruct program-registered providers to determine eligibility in accordance with section 1928(b) and (h) of the Social Security Act.
- e. The State will assure that no program-registered provider will charge more for the administration of the vaccine than the regional maximum established by the Secretary. The State will inform program-registered providers of the maximum fee for the administration of vaccines.
- f. The State will assure that no vaccine-eligible child is denied vaccines because of an inability to pay an administration fee.
- g. Except as authorized under section 1915(b) of the Social Security Act or as permitted by the Secretary to prevent fraud or abuse, the State will not impose any additional qualifications or conditions, in addition to those indicated above, in order for a provider to qualify as a program-registered provider.

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2. The State has not modified or repealed any Immunization Law in effect as of May 1, 1993 to reduce the amount of health insurance coverage of pediatric vaccines.
3. The State Medicaid Agency has coordinated with the State Public Health Agency in the completion of this preprint page.
4. The State agency with overall responsibility for the implementation and enforcement of the provisions of section 1928 is:

 State Medicaid Agency X State Public Health Agency

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